



State of Utah
Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
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To Whom It May Concern;

We now realize that in accordance with certain definitions contained in the Minerals Reclamation Program of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, our operations in the Grouse Creek area do in fact constitute "mining" and are therefore, subject to regulation as applicable by the State and it's respective agency.

We now therefore, drop or cancel our appeal of Agency action in the matter of The Grouse Creek Area of Operation, and wish to convey our intent to comply fully with all applicable regulations as outlined.

Throughout the entire course of events relative to this case, we have been confused, unsure, and tentative. This because of our lack of understanding of the mechanics of the regulations and some of the definitions found therein. We feel it would be beneficial to all parties involved to meet again in an effort to allay any misunderstandings, and to cover any questions and concerns those involved may have at this time. We would request such a meeting, and ask now that such be considered by the Division.

Sincerely,



William L Bown

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